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Dear Dr. Garza:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Audit Report of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) November 28 – December 8, 2000 audit of Mexico's meat and processed poultry inspection system. Also enclosed is a copy of the Final Audit Report of the FSIS January 4, 2001 audit of Mexican TIF Establishment 120. Both of these final reports include a copy of SAGARPA's response regarding a review of the draft reports of the same audits.

We appreciate SAGARPA's quick attention to the deficiencies identified by the FSIS auditors and the assurance that the Mexican establishments exporting meat and/or processed poultry to the United States meet U.S. import requirements. Please contact me if you have any questions. You may reach me at telephone number (202) 720-3781 or facsimile number (202) 690-4040.

Sincerely,

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Nancy Goodwin

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Enclosure

FROM FSIS OPPDE/IPD

SUBJECT: ANNUAL RESIDUE PLAN AND 2000 RESIDUE TESTING RESULTS

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. JOHN C. PRUCHA, ASSISTANT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, PROGRAM COORDINATION AND EVALUATION; OFFICE OF POLICY, PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION (OPPDE); FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE (FSIS), U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) TO THE CHIEF MEAT AND/OR POULTRY INSPECTION OFFICIAL OF EACH COUNTRY YOU SERVICE.

THE FEDERAL MEAT INSPECTION ACT AND THE POULTRY PRODUCTS INSPECTION ACT REQUIRE THAT EACH FOREIGN COUNTRY EXPORTING MEAT AND/OR POULTRY PRODUCTS TO THE UNITED STATES SUBMIT A RESIDUE CONTROL PROGRAM PLAN TO THE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE (FSIS), UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. EACH COUNTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING A RESIDUE CONTROL PROGRAM TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. STANDARDS FOR RESIDUES IN MEAT DESTINED FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES.

PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR RESIDUE SAMPLING PLAN FOR 2001, NO LATER THAN JULY 16, 2001. THE PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE: A) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES TESTED FOR EACH TYPE OR CLASS OF RESIDUE. B) THE SPECIES, MARKET CLASS, AND TISSUE TESTED FOR EACH TYPE OR CLASS OF RESIDUE FOR EACH SPECIES EXPORTED TO THE UNITED STATES; FOR EXAMPLE, BEEF-DAIRY CATTLE-LIVER FOR CHLORINATED HYDROCARBONS, PORK-SOW-KIDNEY FOR ORGANOPHOSPHATES, ETC.

ALSO, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR 2000 RESIDUE CONTROL PROGRAM TESTING RESULTS BY JULY 16, 2001, INCLUDING THE TOTAL SAMPLES ANALYZED, AND THE NUMBER OF SAMPLES ABOVE U.S. TOLERANCE OR ACTION LEVELS. IF THE RESULTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME, PLEASE INDICATE WHEN WE MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE YOUR 2000 RESIDUE TEST RESULTS. IF YOUR COUNTRY USES IMPORTED MEAT OR POULTRY IN PRODUCT DESTINED FOR THE UNITED STATES, ALSO INCLUDE YOUR IMPORT TEST RESULTS, AS WELL AS OTHER RELEVANT DATA.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, PLEASE INDICATE IF ANY NEW COMPOUNDS (VETERINARY DRUGS AND PESTICIDES) HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR USE IN YOUR COUNTRY, AND IF ANY COMPOUNDS HAVE BEEN BANNED.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR 2001 RESIDUE SAMPLING PLANS AND 200 RESIDUE CONTROL PROGRAM TESTING RESULTS, NO LATER THAN JULY 16, 2001. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY OR THE INTERNATIONAL POLICY STAFF AT 202-720-6400, OR BY FACSIMILE AT 202-720-7990.

[END OF CABLE #49311]